

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF WORKING TITLES	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
FOR COURT COMMISSIONERS	)	NO. 2003-025
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Whereas the Superior Court has appointed limited jurisdiction judicial officers under the statute authorizing commissioners and under Rule 96, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, with the working title of hearing officer, and

Whereas the work performed by hearing officers and previously titled commissioners is, by and large, the same, although at different pay levels, and

Whereas it would eliminate confusion to have all limited jurisdiction judicial officers have essentially the same working title,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Hearing Officers who perform primarily desk judicial work and are paid at a rate of 43% and 47% of a Superior Court Judge shall be given the working title of "Commissioner" and for court administration purposes shall be rated as "Commissioner I" for court purposes. These Hearing Officers shall be appointed by the Presiding Judge in consultation with the Departmental Presiding Judge where the Commissioner I shall work.
2. Hearing Officers who are paid at a rate of 75% or 80% of a Superior Court Judge shall be given the working title of "Commissioner" and shall be rated as "Commissioner II" for court purposes. These positions will be filled by the Presiding Judge based upon nominations from the Commissioner merit selection committee.
3. Commissioners who are paid at 90% of a Superior Court Judge shall be given the working title of "Commissioner" and shall be rated as a "Commissioner III" for court purposes. The Commissioner III position is generally being phased out through attrition and the commissioner to judge conversion program with the County.
4. Nothing in this administrative order affects the current pay, benefits or authority of any Commissioners appointed by the Presiding Judge.
5. Nothing in this administrative order affects the Commissioner position that has the working title of "Associate Presiding Judge for Limited Jurisdiction Courts."
6. This administrative order is effective upon summer judicial rotations

commencing June 16, 2003.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2003.

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Hon. Colin Campbell  
Presiding Judge

Original: To be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: All Superior Court Judges  
All Court Commissioners  
The Honorable Michael Lester, Associate Presiding Judge for Limited  
Jurisdiction Courts  
The Honorable Fulton Brock, Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
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